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Rep. M. R. Goslee:
Granby

H.B. 1472 (Goslee) AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN BOARDS OF FINANCE

This bill merely adds one sentence to Section 272C of the 1943 Supplement.

I fully realize the duties and the obligations of the Boards of Finance but it seems as though it would be very much in order if in some cases they would have the right to hold public hearings and find out what the interested people have to think about the question.

My idea would be to have a hearing similar to the Zoning Board hearings and I think it would add to the outcome to some of these Boards of Finance and I hope your committee will look favorably upon it.

Rep. Marsters,
Litchfield

I'd like to speak briefly on H.B. 1474 (Marsters, by request) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF TOWNS FOR EDUCATION OF PUPILS TEMPORARILY RESIDING UPON PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

It was written and introduced through me by a constituent who hopes a specific condition existing in Litchfield can be corrected. I am referring to the attendance of boys from the Litchfield Junior Republic at our local high school without the payment of tuition to the town. The Republic is a private organization devoted to the care and training of teen-age boys from broken homes or unfortunate surroundings. It is a highly respected and desirable part of our community. There is some feeling, however, that the education of these boys should not be borne by the Litchfield taxpayers.

Personally, I take no position on this bill because I understand the practice of towns educating other towns' children due to their presence in orphanages or similar organizations is fairly wide-spread throughout the state. I know that some Litchfield children are educated elsewhere, not at our expense, so the sword cuts both ways.

I am, frankly, not sufficiently well informed on the subject to realize the full extent of the problem raised in this bill.

I should like to leave with you statements from our Boards of Finance and Education, both favoring the bill in some detail.

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We will now consider H.B. 1472 (Goslee) AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN BOARDS OF FINANCE. Any proponents? Anyone opposed? We will consider the hearing closed on H.B. 1472.

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We will now consider H.B. 1473 (Serena) by request - AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX ON ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN TRADE AND NON-TRADE PUBLICATIONS. Any proponents? Any opponents? Being none, we consider the public hearing closed.

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We will now consider H.B. 1474 (Marsters, by request) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF TOWNS FOR EDUCATION OF PUPILS TEMPORARILY RESIDING UPON PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION. Any proponents?

Joseph Ress, Lawyer: Member of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Junior Republic of Litchfield.

Rep. Marsters has just spoken in connection with the bill. Of course, under the present statute, we have to do what we're doing at the Connecticut Junior Republic today. Under the statutes as they're written today, any youngster who resides even temporarily within a town and goes to a school within that town is educated by the town itself without getting any reimbursement from the town from which he comes.

Now, we have at the Connecticut Junior Republic our own grammar school and we give an eighth grade diploma but after the youngsters are through with grammar school, they then go to the Litchfield High and normally, I would say, that we have 8 to 12 and sometimes 15 youngsters at the Litchfield High School who come from different towns throughout the state.

We recognize from the point of view of the town of Litchfield that there is an inequitable situation that exists there. These youngsters do come from outside the town of Litchfield and they're living temporarily at the Connecticut Junior Republic and under the statutes, Litchfield must educate them. So, I am authorized by our Board of Trustees of the Junior Republic to state that we are in favor of the bill in principle; that we sympathize with the inequities which are created by the bill, but that the solution for it, we just don't know. We don't know who should pay for the education of those youngsters - whether they should be paid by the town from which they come or whether they should be paid by the state or who should pay it.

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is on transmittal. If there is no objection, the resolution will be transmitted.

THE CLERK: There are just bills remaining.

SENATOR LONGO OF THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT: There is one more resolution coming from the House. I suggest that we continue reading the bills and the rest of the Senate stand at ease. No one should leave before we pass on the two more resolutions. We will adjourn immediately after passage of the two resolutions.

Senator Keeney of the 35th in the Chair

House Bills 1437 through 1502 were read into the record by the Clerk and referred to their proper committees by the Chair. see pages 359-363 of the Journal attached hereto.

The President presiding

THE CLERK: Business from the House. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. ^{No. 43} HJR confirming the nomination of Thomas J. Molloy to be a Judge of the Superior Court.

SENATOR HEALEY OF THE TENTH DISTRICT: I move for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

THE PRESIDENT: Question is on suspension of the rules. Is there objection. If not the rules are suspended.

SENATOR HEALEY: Will the Clerk read the resolution.

THE CLERK: Resolved by this Assembly That the nomination by His Excellency, the Governor, of Thomas J. Molloy of Hartford to be a Judge of the Superior Court for the term of eight years from February 12, 1955, is approved and confirmed; and said Thomas J. Molloy is appointed a Judge of the

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The Senate was called to order at 11:15 A.M. on Monday, May 16, 1955. Senator Ward of the 1st District the President Pro Tempore in the Chair.

The following prayer was offered by the Chaplain:

How much time, how much effort we spend to accomplish our own selfish aims and to impress favorably those about us; and how little attention we give to Thee, Lord, and to the proper discharge of our duties. Cleanse our minds, change our hearts that, with wise and true love for Thee, we may atone for our irregularities. Amen.

CHANGE OF REFERENCE: HB 1230, 753, 566, 189, 1820, 1251, 750 referred to the Committee on Appropriations; HB 1449 referred to the Committee on Aviation; HB 1411, 1422, 1418, 1419, 1487, 1478, 652, 1423, 1255, 707, 344, 1472 tabled for the Calendar and printing; HB 1481 tabled for the Calendar.

(Upon motion of Senator Longo of the 19th District, the Senate recessed until 12:30 P.M.)

The Senate re-convened at 2:10 P.M., the President in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the Senator from the 2nd take the Chair please?

SENATOR BORDEN OF THE SECOND DISTRICT PRESIDING:

THE CLERK: HB 2024, 2026 and 207 referred to the Committee on Judiciary; House Joint Resolution 98, An Act concerning Conversion of the Newington Veteran's Administration Hospital.

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were also being admitted as persons whose rights had just before a local election the persons who had the right to vote in a state election felt that they should be allowed to vote in a municipal election but the Attorney General said they could not. Now by changing this law and providing more specifically for these October and the October making of the voters is the three or four weeks instead of five. It would obviate this problem and such a bill is good legislation and should pass.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The "aye's" have it and the report is accepted and the bill passed.

THE CLERK: Cal. 1057. House Bill No. 1472. An Act concerning town boards of finance. File 654.

SENATOR LAING OF THE SEVENTH DISTRICT: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR: Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

SENATOR LAING: At the present time the town's boards of finance must hold a meeting for budget requests. The next meeting that must legally be held is the town meeting to vote upon the budgets and the setting of the tax rate. This allows local boards to call an interim meeting so that the townspeople and the tax payer know

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what the budget is going to be and what the tax rate might be. It gives them an opportunity of letting people know if they want to vote on these things.

SENATOR GILMAN OF THE TWENTIETH DISTRICT: I am very sorry I didn't hear some of the explanation of that bill. I am interested in knowing if this is permissive or mandatory.

SENATOR LAING: This is permissive, not mandatory.

THE CHAIR: Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Those in favor say AYE, opposed NO. The "aye's" have it and the report is accepted and the bill passed.

THE CLERK: Cal. 1058. House Bill No. 1478. An Act concerning annual return by town treasurers of amount of taxes received. File 665.

SENATOR LAING OF THE SEVENTH DISTRICT: I move acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR: Question is on acceptance of the committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Will you remark?

SENATOR LAING: Mr. President, under the present law each Treasurer of each town must report to the Tax Commissioner annually as to all taxes laid, taxes collected and taxes abated so that the Commissioner may make an annual compilation of such returns, but this provides that in the event the treasurer fails to make such return, the commissioner shall use any information available

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THE SPEAKER:

Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 1481. Calendar No. 879, File No. 653.

Favorable report of the Committee on Finance. "An Act concerning County Taxes."

MR. COWAN (WESTON):

Mr. Speaker, it has been the custom of the Tax Commissioner upon request of county authorities, to determine the amount of tax each town in that county is required to pay for the expenses of the county. This bill would merely add that function to the duties of the Tax Commissioner and thus validate what he is already doing about this. It is a proper bill and I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER:

Any further remarks? If not, question is on acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

House Bill No. 1472. Calendar No. 880, File No. 654.

Favorable report of the Committee on Finance. "An Act concerning Town Boards of Finance."

MR. HOLT (NEWINGTON):

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

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THE SPEAKER:

Question is on acceptance of the Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

MR. HOLT (NEWINGTON):

Mr. Speaker, this bill permits the Town Boards of Finance to call public hearings when a request is made for deficiency appropriations, to give the people of the town an opportunity to discuss the thing and to help the Finance Board decide what should be recommended prior to the town meeting and its people are to vote on the recommendation. It is our understanding Boards of Finance are already following this procedure and it should be specifically authorized. I hope it passes.

THE SPEAKER: .

Will you remark further? If not, question is on acceptance and passage. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed? The "ayes" have it. The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

Calendar No. 881 should not be starred as it is not in the file. Please turn to Calendar 882.

House Bill No. 893. Calendar No. 882, File No. 655.

Favorable report of the Committee on Finance. "An Act concerning the Interest and Dividends Tax Payable by Domestic Insurance Companies."

MR. PARSELLS (FAIRFIELD):

Mr. Speaker, I move this bill be passed until Tuesday of next week.